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## STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: June 9, 2015

**DATE:** May 18, 2015  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Kevin Schiller, Interim Director, Department of Social Services  
785-8600 [kretterath@washoecounty.us](mailto:kretterath@washoecounty.us)  
**SUBJECT:** Accept a Grant from the Walter S. Johnson Foundation to reform the Department's policies and practices related for foster youth education outcomes effective August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2017 in the amount of \$300,000 [no County match required] and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments.  
(All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

The Department of Social Services is recommending the Board of County Commissioners accept a grant award from the Walter S. Johnson Foundation to reform the Department's policies and practices related for foster youth education outcomes.

**Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, Secure, and Healthy Communities

### PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

### BACKGROUND

Foster youth in Washoe County as a group have historically academically underperformed the general population of high school students. The Walter S. Johnson Foundation, which has funded grants in Washoe County previously, is awarding \$300,000 total for 2 years to the Department of Social Services for the purpose of providing enhanced educational guidance and mentoring, tutoring, and related education supports. This is also a demonstration project; the results of these interventions will be disseminated in the field of foster care and education.

AGENDA ITEM # 23

**GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *Foster Youth Education Outcomes*

**Scope of the Project:** *To provide targeted educational case management, mentoring, guidance, tutoring, and motivation for educational achievement and success of foster youth in high school so that students are better prepared for on-going academic or vocational success.*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Better educational outcomes give these students the opportunity to be better citizens, to be more college or work ready, and to be positive members of our community.*

**On-Going Program Support:** *This is a demonstration project to develop systems and build relationships within the school district and elsewhere.*

**Award Amount:** \$300,000.00

**Grant Period:** *August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2017*

**Funding Source:** *Walter S. Johnson Foundation*

**Pass through From:** *n/a*

**CFDA Number:** *n/a*

**Grant ID Number:** *n/a*

**Match Amount and Type:** *No matching funds required*

**Indirect Cost Rate (applicable to the award):**

Grant's recoverable indirect cost rate:

Indirect costs are fully recoverable

Sponsor does not allow for indirect cost recovery

Sponsor has limited indirect cost recovery at \_\_\_ %

Sponsor requires indirect Cost Rate Approved by Cognizant Agency

**Special Terms & Conditions:** *None.*

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *A number of professional services agreements will be executed to carry out the grant objectives.*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the Board accept this grant award, the Department's FY 15/16 adopted budget will be increased in the following revenue and expenditure accounts:

20405-484195	Revenue – Non-Govt'l Grants	\$ 300,000.00
20405-701412	Expense – Salary Adjustment	\$ 9,500.00
20405-705360	Expense – Benefits Adjustment	\$ 2,850.00
20405-710100	Expense – Professional Services	\$ 263,600.00
20405-710300	Expense – Operating Supplies	\$ 1,774.00
20405-710502	Expense – Printing	\$ 900.00
20405-710508	Expense – Telephone	\$ 755.00
20405-710546	Expense – Advertising	\$ 750.00
20405-710509	Expense – Seminars & Meetings	\$ 10,512.00
20405-710500	Expense – Other Exp	\$ 3,090.00
20405-711210	Expense – Travel	\$ 6,269.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board accept a Grant from the Walter S. Johnson Foundation to reform the Department's policies and practices related for foster youth education outcomes effective August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2017 in the amount of \$300,000 [no County match required] and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "move to accept a Grant from the Walter S. Johnson Foundation to reform the Department's policies and practices related for foster youth education outcomes effective August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2017 in the amount of \$300,000 [no County match required] and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments.

# Walter S. Johnson Foundation Grant Agreement

May 11, 2015

John Slaughter  
County Manager  
Washoe County  
P.O.Box 11130  
Reno, NV 89520

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

The Walter S. Johnson Foundation is pleased to approve a grant (#15-09Y) in the amount of **\$300,000** to the Washoe County Department of Social Services for *Reform of Washoe County's policies & practices related to foster youth education outcomes*.

Please return this agreement (via email to [choblitzelle@whittiertrust.com](mailto:choblitzelle@whittiertrust.com)) with the required signatures within seven days.

Grant Period: August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2017

Payment of the grant shall be as follows:

August 1, 2015 \$200,000  
August 1, 2016 \$100,000

The terms of the Grant Agreement shall be as follows:

1. Funds may be used only for expenses in the attached budget incurred during the grant period.
2. Permission to make any changes in the attached budget must be requested in writing and approved by Walter S. Johnson Foundation (WSJF) staff.
3. If there are any unexpended funds at the end of the grant period, they must be returned to the Foundation, or a request for an extension of time in which to spend the funds must be approved by the Foundation.
4. Requests to make major changes in the purpose of the grant shall be considered as a new grant application; minor changes should be discussed with WSJF staff.
5. Grantee agrees to promptly advise the Foundation about any of the following:
  - a. Change in key personnel of the project or organization
  - b. Change in address or phone number
  - c. Change in the name of the organization
  - d. Any development that significantly affects the operation of the project or the organization
6. Publicity and/or published materials referring to the project should include acknowledgment of the grant from the Walter S. Johnson Foundation.
7. Complete records of expenditures should be maintained for at least four years after completion of the use of the grant funds.

8. Grant funds may not be used to influence legislation or the outcome of a public election.
9. Payment of subsequent year funding is contingent upon performance satisfactory to the Foundation. Interim progress and financial reports are due three months prior to each future payment date listed above. A reminder will be sent one month before the reports are due.
10. Within 60 days of the end of the grant period, we request that you submit final narrative and financial reports. As a courtesy, we will send an email reminder the month before reports are due.

We wish you every success in this shared endeavor.

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As attested to by the following signatures, the terms of this grant are accepted by the Grantor and the Grantee.

**Grantor**  
***Walter S. Johnson Foundation***  
505 Montgomery St., Suite 620  
San Francisco, CA 94111-6529

**Grantee**  
***Washoe County***  
P.O.Box 11130  
Reno, NV 89520

By:   
Signature

Name: Sandra Bruckner  
Title: President

Date: 5/9/2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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